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SUBJECT: EIGHTH ANTARCTIC MEETING-MORATORIUM ISSUE

REF: STATE 143320

1. CONSIDERATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE(TOR)FOR LEGAL/
POLITICAL STUDY CONTINUED JUNE 17 IN COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF AUSTRALIA. DESPITE DEADLOCK
IN SMALLER GROUP OVER INTERIM POLICY OF RESTRAINT ISSUE,
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF TOR ON
BASIS OF AUSTRALIAN TEXT IMPLYING NO MINERAL RESOURCE
ACTIVITIES WOULD OCCUR UNTIL IT WAS FOUND TO BE SAFE
FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL POINT OF VIEW. US OPPOSED TOR
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ON THIS BASIS AND ON BASIS TOR WERE TOO VAGUE

TO MANDATE PRODUCTIVE MEETING. OTHER DELS FOCUSED ON MINOR ISSUES,IGNORING DEADLOCK ON RESTRAINT POINT.

2. IT WAS CLEAR AGREEMENT ON TOR OR PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES ACCEPTABLE TO US NOT POSSIBLE. US FLATLY REJECTED NEW ZEALAND PROPOSAL FOR OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH CONTAINING RESTRAINT POLICY UNTIL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY DEMONSTRATED AND SUBMITTED DRAFT RECOMMENDATION WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AND NO MENTION OF RESTRAINT:

RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS

1. THAT THE SUBJECT "ANTARCTIC RESOURCES--EFFECTS OF MINERAL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION" BE FULLY STUDIED, INCLUDING JURIDICAL,POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS, AND BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG THEM THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEANS,SUCH AS SPECIAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS.

UK SUPPORTED US.

3. AUSTRALIA,ARGENTINA,CHILE,FRANCE AND USSR RESPONDED IN LATER PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS THAT RESTRAINT POLICY MUST BE IN THE RECOMMENDATION OR THERE WOULD BE NO RECOMMENDATION OF THIS MEETING ON MINERAL RESOURCES.

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CONTINUED JUNE 18 ON MINERAL RESOURCES QUESTION. SEVERAL SPEAKERS INSISTED ON RESTRAINT POLICY IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS. US REP INDICATED IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE IN FINAL REPORT OF EIGHTH MEETING(WHICH IS NOT WIDELY DISTRIBUTED) FOLLOWING TEXT:

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THE MEETING NOTED THAT EACH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED AT THE EIGHTH MEETING HAD ADOPTED A POLICY OF OPPOSING ACTIONS BY ANY NATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMERCIAL EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES DURING THE TIME AN INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.
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THE REPRESENTATIVES NOTED FURTHER THE INTENTION OF SOME GOVERNMENTS TO KEEP THIS POLICY UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW IN LIGHT OF THE ACTIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, THE PACE OF PROGRESS TOWARD A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENT, AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS.

5. RESPONSE WAS MODERATE FROM CHILE. USSR INSISTED ON RESTRAINT PARA IN OPERATIVE PARA. MEETING UNIVERSALLY

ADOPTED US TEXT AS BASIS OF DISCUSSION.

6. ARGENTINA,AUSTRALIA AND SOUTH AFRICA SUGGESTED REFERENCE TO RESTRAINT POLICY IN PREAMBULAR PARA ONLY AS COMPROMISE. DRAFT PREAMBULAR PARA SUGGESTED BY AUSTRALIA AFTER CONSULTATION WITH USSR,NEW ZEALAND, ARGENTINA,CHILE AND AUSTRALIA AS FOLLOWS IN EFFORT TO BREAK DEADLOCK:

CONVINCED THAT FURTHER CONSUL-TATIONS ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANTARCTIC MINERAL RE-SOURCES ARE DESIRABLE, AND, IN THE MEANTIME, OF THE NEED TO AVOID PRECIPITATE ACTION IN RELATION TO THE SUBJECT OF THE CONSULTATIONS.

7. USDEL CONSIDERS THAT MEANING OF THIS VAGUE PARA IS QUALIFIED BY LANGUAGE TO BE INSERTED IN REPORT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO CONTINUING REVIEW. THIS WILL NOT,IN USDEL VIEW, RESULT IN LEGAL OR POLITICAL OBLIGATION TO HINDER US FIRMS IF PRESIDENT DECIDES TO CHANGE INTERIM POLICY ON BASIS NOTED IN MAY 20 MEMORANDUM. PREAMBULAR PARA SAYS ONLY THAT REPRESENTATIVES ARE QUOTE CONVINCED...OF THE NEED UNQUOTE AND IS NOT CONSIDERED OBLIGATORY. THEREFORE, USDEL CONSIDERS PREAMBULAR PARA AND STATEMENT IN REPORT WITHIN QUOTE EXISTING AUTHORITY UNQUOTE AND CONCERNS REFERRED TO PARA 3 REFTEL. ON THIS BASIS, USDEL NEGOTIATED HARD BARGAIN. REQUEST REVIEW OF AUTHORITY PARA 8 WHICH APPEARS TO REVOKE EXISTING AUTHORITY BECAUSE OF TACTICAL LINKAGE UNKNOWN TO USDEL UNTIL TODAY.

8. PER REFTEL, USDEL WILL SEEK DELETION OF REFERENCES TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES IN OPERATIVE PARA RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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PORTED PARA 2 THIS TEL. PRIVATE AGREEMENT EMERGING TO SET TERM OF REFERENCE FOR PREPARATORY MEETING THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS SINCE NOT POSSIBLE TO AGREE HERE.

9. COMMENT: OTHER DELS HAVE MOVED SOME DISTANCE IN AGREEING TO HAVE PREAMBULAR PARA ON RESTRAINT ISSUE AND TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT. EXPANSION OF AGENDA ITEM TO INCLUDE EXPLOITATION CONSTITUTES MOVEMENT BY LATINS, AS DOES THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DROP INSISTANCE ON LONG STUDIES BY THE TWELVE OF LEGAL/ POLITICAL,ECONOMIC,GEOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS BEFORE EVEN CONSIDERING RESOURCE REGIME. POLEMICS HAVE BEEN ABSENT FROM MEETING AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE ON ISSUES IN THIS RECOMMENDATION PREVAILS. US

IS IN LEADERSHIP POSITION AND MOMENTUM TOWARD CONSTRUCTIVE FUTURE WORK HAS STARTED.

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FINAL TEXT COMPLETE RECOMMENDATION WITH STATEMENT OF INTERIM POLICY FOR REPORT WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL ASAP.
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